

Two
PETITIONS, ^{16th}

Of the
Knights, Gentlemen Freeholders,
and others of the Inhabitants of the Coun-
ty of LEICESTER.

The one
To the Right Honourable House of Peers,
The other,
To the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, of
the Honourable House of Commons, assem-
bled in PARLIAMENT.

Delivered on the 15. of February,
1641.

Therein representing their severall Grie-
vances to both Houses.



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Knights, Gentlemen, and others of the Members of the County of LANCASTER.


The one
To the Right Honourable House of Peers,

The other
To the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the Honourable House of Commons, in PARLIAMENT.

Delivered on the 17 of February
1541.

Therein appearing their several Petitions to both Houses.



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**To the Right Honourable the
House of Peeres in Parliament
Assembled**

**The humble Petition of the Inhabitants
of the County of Ailester.**

Sheweth
That as the pressing grievances, and
deadly distempers in this Church and
State, ripened almost to the ruin of
both, were by the happy Assembling of this
Parliament, abated, and a joyfull expectation
of their totall abolishment raised in all evill
affected subjects.

And as the dangerous influences of wicked
Counsaile, and worse desires, since appearing
in that most horrid and bloody rebellion of
Ireland, in the various delays and obsta-
cles cast in to hinder all Parliamentary pro-
ceedings, the desperate attempts against the
peace of the King, Parliament, and Kingdom,
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especially in that violent unexampled breach
of the peace, and violence, made, had ere
this, almost, and does, renewed our fears,
and threw us into a Sea of dangers and di-
stractions.

And now again, I pray you, to
this Honourable House, with the House of
Commons, already scene in sundry particu-
lars, hath revived our hopes, and filled our
hearts with joy, and brought us, though farre
distant in place, here to make a personall tender
of our gratefull hearts, obliged service, and
utmost expressions, of all humble thankfulness,
for this your Noble and ready complay-
ance. We will serve you with our lives as freely
as they were given us, and with our estates to
the utmost value, your safety shall be our hap-
piness, your opposers our enemies, your dan-
gers and perils as death unto us.

Our humble and earnest petition therefore
is, that you would proceed to increase these
our joyes, and strengthen these our ingagements
and resolutions, by a constant concurrence
with this Honourable House, with the House
of Commons in all their noble designs and
endeavours for the publicke good, that Delin-
quents may be brought to speedy and condigne
punishment, the Counsellors, contrivers and
Actors

Actors of that late surpassing breach of Parli-
ment privilege may be manifested, their eyes
and intentions discovered, and their persons
rewarded according to their deepe demerits,
and that future dangers from our restless ene-
mies may be prevented by a timely reliefe of
bleeding *reland*, and a speedy perfection of
this Kingdome posture of defence.

Then we doubt not but the end will crowne
our prayers, to the glory of God, the peace of
the Church, the happie union of the King and
Kingdome, with your eternall honours, never
to be blotted out by time or malice. And as
in dutie bound, we shall ever pray, &c.

sheweth

That the reason why your Petitioners
have not hitherto attended this Honor-
able House, was not backwardness to
serve you, or want of affection, but the remote-
ness of their dwelling: for had we heard of
your dangers, and not of your lateities, this we
doe boldly affirme, that the last drop of our
bloods had been freely and speedily hazard-
ed in the defence of your persons, and main-
tenance of your privileges: we need not in-
treat you to ease our great pressures, which in
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To The
HONOURABLE
The House of Commons now
Assembled in Parliament,

*The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the
of Leicester.*

Sheweth,

That the reason why your Petitioners
have not hitherto attended this Honour-
able House, was not backwardness to
serve you, or want of affection; but the remote-
ness of their dwellings: for had we heard of
your dangers; and not of your safeties, this we
doe boldly affirme, that the last droppe of our
bloods had beene freely and speedily hazarded,
in the defence of your persons, and mainte-
nance of your priviledges; we need not in-
treat you to ease our great pressures, which in
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our soules, bodies, and estates wee have long
groaned under, for we are most sensible of your
cares, wisdomes, unwearied labour, and faith-
full endeavours to doe what our hearts can de-
fire.

We rest confident of your strong resoluti-
ons for the reliefe of our miserable and distres-
sed brethren of *Ireland*, your Remonstrance gives
us satisfaction in what you declare, and for the
Reformation which you intend, according to
the Word of God.

And we assure our selves, you will not suffer
Idolatry in the Kingdome of *England* or *Ire-
land*.

Therefore your Petitioners most humbly pray,
that the Counsellors and A^ctors of that most
horrid, high wicked & attempt against his M^{ty}.
the Parliament, and the very foundation of our
government, and also tending to the destruction
and utter ruine of some of your members, may
be made publike examples to all posterity, so
that future times may never dare to contrive
that, which Instruments in this age of ours
have we endeavoured.

Wee conceive our selves exceedingly concer-
ned in this, and the greatest hazard of our own
lives.

lives could not more affect us, which makes us
restlessly to desire, the bottome of this bloody
designe may be sounded.

We cannot expresse the thanks we (above
many others Counties) owe unto this Honour-
able House, our estates, our lives, all are
yours: the most faithfull preserver of men, pre-
serve and prosper you, and your Honourable
proceedings.

And your Petitioners shall daily pray,

And we assure our selves you will not suffer
Idolatry in the Kingdoms of England or Ire-
land.

~~Therefore your Petitioners most humbly pray,~~
that the Counsellors and Actors of that most
horrid high wicked & treacherous against his Ma-
jesty the Parliament, and thereby foundation of our
government, and also tending to the destruction
and utter ruin of some of your members, may
be made publicke examples to all posterity, to
that future times may never dare to contrive
that, which hath bin in this age of ours

~~have we understood~~
We conceive our selves exceedingly concer-
ned in this, and the greatest hazard of our own
lives.

